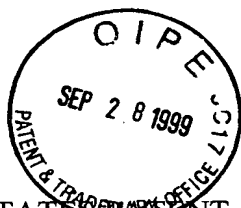


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SIR:

Responsive to the official action mailed August 26, 1999, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5 line 3 after "face 22." insert The micro-machined mirrors 17 and 18 are

connected by hinges 57 to the portion 12a of the plate 12 disposed within the opening 21 in
the spacer 14. The optical fiber 13 is disposed in a V-groove 14a in the spacer 14 as
illustrated in Figs. 1-3, 18, 20, and 21. The edges 12b of the portion 12a of the plate 12
containing the micro-machined mirrors 17 and 18 are beveled to nest within the large opening
21a defined by the walls 22 of the cavity 21 in the spacer 14 as shown in Figs. 1-5, 18, 19,
and 21. The portion 12a of the rigid plate 12 including the micro-machined mirrors 17 and
18 is thereby rigidly affixed within the cavity 21.--; and

Line 13 after "microscope." insert The microscope can be turned as needed in order